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## 10 Facing Charges For Brazen Robbery at Koreatown Jewelry Store

Five men and five teens are facing robbery charges in connection with last week's brazen theft of more than 300 Rolex watches from a Koreatown jewelry store, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Victor Valtierra (dob 11/27/92), Zepeda Abner Posos (dob 10/25/93) and Jean Israel Buendia (dob 10/9/93) are scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The three men, along with Cardenas Edilberto Perez (dob 9/8/86) and Brayan Oliver Melchor (dob 4/8/95) have been charged in case BA437496 with one count each of conspiracy to commit robbery. Valtierra, Posos and Buendia also are facing two counts of second-degree robbery.

Three 17 year olds and two 16 year olds have been charged with three counts of robbery and one count of burglary in Juvenile Court.

On June 17, a group armed with handguns and sledgehammers burst into a jewelry store in the 900 block of South Western Avenue, prosecutors said. They are accused of smashing display cases and grabbing expensive designer watches worth roughly \$4.1 million. The group then ran out the store and fled in a getaway vehicle.

Arrests were later made after police were able to track the stolen watches, one of which had a GPS device in it.

Perez and Melchor pleaded not guilty to the charges late Friday. Bail was set at \$600,000. If convicted as charged, they each face up to 10 years in state prison.

The other three men face up to 12 years in prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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